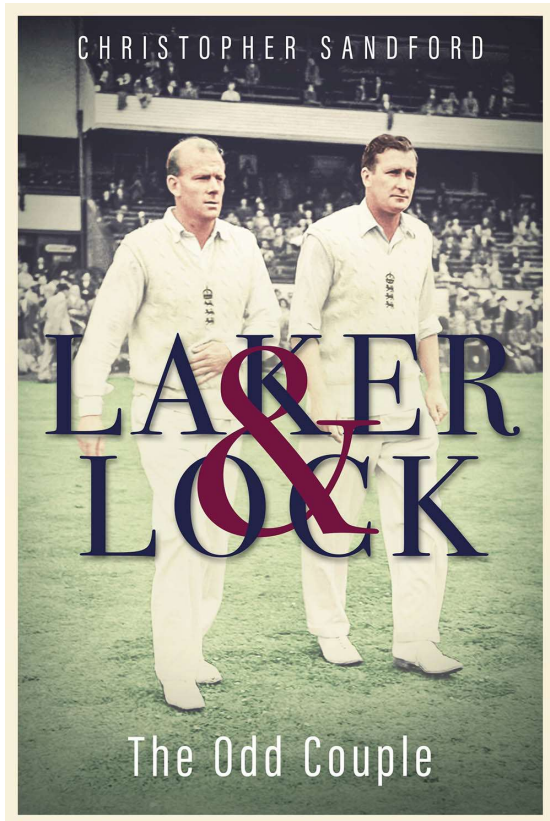




Title information



Laker and Lock

The Story of Cricket's 'Spin Twins'

By Christopher Sandford

Key features

- Definitive account of two brilliant but often wayward English cricketing icons
- Features new and freshly researched material from the archives of Surrey CCC, the MCC and Western Australia CC (where Tony Lock ended his playing days)
- Includes first-hand accounts from Ted Dexter, Geoff Boycott, the late Godfrey Evans, the late Len Hutton, Jim Parks, Keith Fletcher, John Snow, Garry Sobers, Pat Pocock, the late Tom Graveney and Ray Illingworth,
- Further contributions from others who either played with or knew Laker and Lock in their respective primes
- Published to coincide with the centenary of Laker's birth
- Lavishly illustrated and detailed
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Laker and Lock is the first dual biography of Surrey and England 'spin twins' Jim Laker and Tony Lock, who helped their county and Test teams to an unparalleled run of dominance in the 1950s. Besides their peerless achievements on the field, the two men had little in common. Laker, the elder by seven years, was Yorkshire born, cool, phlegmatic, known to sulk, and not greatly enamoured with the class distinctions then inherent in English cricket and society as a whole. Lock, a southerner, was dynamic, ebullient, indefatigable both on and off the field, and tended to wear his heart on his sleeve, an attitude no less at odds with the prevailing social order. Both men courted controversy. Laker's post-retirement autobiography caused such a furore that he was made unwelcome at Lord's and the Oval for years afterwards. Lock suffered the stigma of being labelled a 'chucker' and ultimately moved to Australia, where his retirement was clouded by allegations of sexual abuse. This is the full story of the pair's uneasy partnership.

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